

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2017
DDDS Fox Run, 2nd floor training room
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Members present at meeting location: Terri Hancharick, Committee Chair, Parent Advocate; Karen Gallagher, Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair; Alvin Emory, Self-Advocate; Carol Barnett, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); HarrietAnn Litwin, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Vivian Turner, CERTS

Members absent: Laura Strmel, St. John's Community Services (SJCS); Barbara Monaghan, Self-Advocate; Bill Monaghan, Self-Advocate;

Staff present: Kristin Cosden, Social Services Administrator, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

I. Call to Order: Committee Chair Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, after noting that a quorum was present. Introductions were made around the room and on the phone.

II. Approval of Minutes: The committee voted to approve the November, 2016 minutes as written. The committee did not meet in December, 2016.

III. Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the agenda as written.

IV. -Chair's Report: Terri elected not to provide a report, since the committee meeting was called to order late in order to allow time for members to arrive so that a quorum could be assured.

V. - Staff Report: Kristin Cosden-Harvey reminded the committee that the LIFE Conference is coming up on January 25, 2017. She stated that a limited number of on-site registrations would be available. Kristin also stated that the annual Disability Policy Seminar will be held in Washington, DC from March 20-22 in Washington, DC. Kristin asked that any DDC members who would like to be considered for going to the seminar should contact Stefanie Lancaster at the DDC office.

VI. Current Business

A. Review of Request for Proposals (RFP) 1701- Sexual Health Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities

Kristin shared a draft of RFP 1701 for the committee to review. Following a review of the committee's allotted Council funds, the committee determined to set the dollar amount for RFP 1701 at \$20,000. In addition to requesting the contractor to develop a sexual health education/resource program for young adults with disabilities, the committee also requested including a separate companion program for parents/caregivers in the RFP. Other changes requested by the committee included requesting minor changes to wording that did not change the overall scope of the RFP. Following the changes, the committee voted to approve the RFP as amended. The RFP will be put before the full Council at their meeting on March 8, 2017 for approval to release it to the public.

B. Information Items/Suggestions/Concerns from the Committee

Terri provided an overview of upcoming legislation that impacts the developmental disabilities community, including the organ transplant bill and the parking bill. Carol shared that she observed an interesting solution to the problem of people parking in the striped area next to accessible parking spots. The store Carol mentioned placed a pole in the center of the striped area, where a car would normally turn in. This allows the individual who uses a wheelchair to have enough space to actually exit their vehicle into the striped area. There is ample room around the pole at the end of the space to allow the individual to maneuver their wheelchair out of the striped area. The organ transplant bill seeks to eliminate discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need an organ transplant. Currently, individuals with disabilities are not being considered as viable candidates for receiving a donated organ. This is due to physicians' and Managed Care Organizations' (MCO) erroneous belief that an individual with a disability would not be able to keep up with the rigorous post-transplant requirements, such as taking multiple medications every day and keeping up with post-transplant medical appointments.

VII.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.